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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yuki SASAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1617

Application No.: 10/015,611

Examiner: G. Mitchell

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Docket No.: 111482

For: RESIN POWDER FOR DERMATOLOGIC COMPOSITION, SKIN CLEANSING AGENT AND COSMETIC COMPOSITION USING THE POWDER, AND PREPARATION PROCESS OF THE POWDER

**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Further to the July 21, 2004 Request for Reconsideration and after entry of the August 23, 2004 Request for Continued Examination, reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the April 21, 2004 Office Action is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application, claims 18-22 having been withdrawn from consideration.

**I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

**A. Claims 1-4 and 7-17**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 7-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Japanese Patent Application Publication JP 2001-151639 to Kenji Yasuda. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.